

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT
LOK SABHA**

STARRED QUESTION NO:280
ANSWERED ON:07.08.2003
LIBERATION AND REHABILITATION OF SCAVENGERS
SURESH KODIKUNNIL;T.M. SELVAGANAPATHI

Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether even after a decade of implementation of the National Scheme of Liberation and Rehabilitation of Scavengers and their Dependents (NSLRS), more than 40% of the estimated beneficiaries remain unrehabilitated;
- (b) if so, the reasons therefor;
- (c) whether a large number of loan applications under this scheme were rejected by banks for the reasons of non-viability;
- (d) if so, the facts in this regard and corrective measures taken by the Government in this regard;
- (e) the funds allocated for liberation and rehabilitation of conservancy workers under the National Scheme of Liberation and Rehabilitation of Scavengers during the current financial year, State-wise;
- (f) whether the Government are considering to enhance the amount paid as stipend to rehabilitated scavengers; and
- (g) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (DR. SATYANARAYAN JATIYA)

- (a) to (g) A statement is laid on the table of the House.

Statement referred to in reply to Lok Sabha Starred Question No.280 for 07.08.2003 raised by Shri Kodikunnil Suresh and Shri T.M. Selvaganapathi, M.Ps. regarding 'Liberation and Rehabilitation of Scavengers'.

- (a) : As per the information provided by the States/UTs, upto 2001-2002, out of 6.76 lakhs estimated scavengers, 4.08 lakhs of them or 60.3% have been rehabilitated.
- (b) : The liberation and rehabilitation of scavengers is a continuing process, the Government has prepared a National Action plan for Total Eradication of Manual Scavenging by 2007.
- (c): No such instances have been brought to the notice of the Ministry.
- (d): Does not arise.
- (e): There is a provision of Rs.40.00 crores during the current financial year under the NSLRS. There is no State-wise allocation of funds made under the scheme.
- (f) There is no proposal at present.
- (g): Does not arise.